

**Mayor's Youth Council
City of Bridgeport
Application**

The Mayor's Youth Council will build a sustainable platform for youth to voice concerns on policy issues and grow as advocates within local government and their community. If you are interested in applying for membership to the council please complete the following application. Applicants **MUST** be a Bridgeport city resident in grades 9 through 11. Applicants must commit to service for one year, attend ALL sessions and complete all required activities and projects. Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink. You may attach responses on additional sheets. ALL information must be completed in order to be considered for the Mayor's Youth Council. **Information provided will be kept confidential by the review committee.**

Deadline for submissions: January 7th.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
School: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian _____

The City of Bridgeport does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, sex, creed, national origin or disability. This information need not be provided. It is requested to facilitate the City of Bridgeport's goal of assembling a diverse group. Omitting this information will not affect your application.

Race or ethnic group: ☐ American Indian ☐ African American ☐ Asian ☐ White
☐ Middle Eastern ☐ Hispanic Other, please specify _____

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male Birth date: _____

Please check all that apply:

_____ I have transportation to get to Youth Council meetings/events.

_____ I initiated my interest in this program.

_____ I was referred to the Mayor's Youth Council Program.

Referred By: _____ Position: _____

Organization: _____

Please respond to the following questions on a separate document and attach to this application form:

1. Why do you want to serve as a member of the Mayor's Youth Council?
2. In one page or less, describe a time when you identified an issue (in school, in your community or at home) and did something to change it. Explain in detail what you did to change it and what the outcome of your actions were.
3. As a member of the Mayor's Youth Council, you will need to identify a Bridgeport-specific issue in the areas of **Education, Violence/Bullying or the Environment** and propose a solution to it. If you could bring one thing to our community and/or make one specific change in one of those areas, what would it be and why? Write a letter to Mayor Bill Finch that (1) identifies a specific issue that you care about and explain why it is important for the city and (2) proposes a solution to that problem. In order to persuade the Mayor to support your position, use evidence to demonstrate why the issue is important and the solution is a good one. Please limit your response to two pages.

By signing this application I understand that if I am chosen to serve on the Mayor's Youth Council I am making a commitment to attend all required workshops (12), a minimum of two (2) community meetings per month, and additional meetings with my project team and assigned mentor to fulfill the requirements of the program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Permission:

I give my permission for _____ to seek the position of representative on the Mayor's Youth Council.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell Number _____

Name of Emergency Contact and Relationship to Youth: _____

Phone: _____

Please send completed applications along with a transcript and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or community member who is familiar with you no later than January 7th to

sherrell.dorsey@bridgeportct.gov, or mail to:

Office of Education and Youth,
c/o Sherrell Dorsey,
999 Broad Street Bridgeport, CT 06604

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ I have completed the application and have attached the required essays to my application.
- ☐ My parent/guardian has signed my application.
- ☐ I have attached my letter of recommendation to this application.